

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

TIM MCLANAHAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MISCELLANEOUS DEFENDANTS.

11-CV-3087-EFS
11-CV-3097-EFS
11-CV-370-EFS
11-CV-371-EFS
11-CV-374-EFS
11-CV-375-EFS
11-CV-376-EFS
11-CV-377-EFS
11-CV-379-EFS
11-CV-380-EFS
11-CV-381-EFS
11-CV-382-EFS
11-CV-383-EFS
11-CV-388-EFS
11-CV-391-EFS
11-CV-392-EFS
11-CV-393-EFS
11-CV-398-EFS

**ORDER DISMISSING ACTIONS AND
ORDERING PLAINTIFF TO SHOW
CAUSE**

Plaintiff Tim McLanahan has filed the eighteen above-listed lawsuits during the past several weeks. On September 2, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-3087-EFS. On September 22, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-3097-EFS. On October 4, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-370-EFS and 11-CV-371-EFS. On October 5, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-374-EFS, 11-CV-

1 375-EFS, 11-CV-376-EFS, and 11-CV-377-EFS. On October 6, 2011, Mr.
2 McLanahan filed 11-CV-379-EFS, 11-CV-380-EFS, 11-CV-381-EFS, 11-CV-382-
3 EFS, and 11-CV-383-EFS. On October 7, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-
4 388-EFS, 11-CV-391-EFS, 11-CV-392-EFS, and 11-CV-393-EFS. Finally, on
5 October 13, 2011, Mr. McLanahan filed 11-CV-398-EFS. All of the
6 complaints in these actions are handwritten, and those that have a
7 completed civil cover sheet all list the nature of the action as "380 -
8 Other Personal Property Damage."

9 In each lawsuit, Mr. McLanahan seeks to proceed in forma pauperis
10 under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The Court has carefully reviewed each complaint
11 filed by Mr. McLanahan and, for the reasons discussed below, dismisses
12 all but one complaint.

13 **I. LAWSUITS FILED BY MR. MCLANAHAN**

14 The following is a brief synopsis of each lawsuit filed by Mr.
15 McLanahan:

16 **A. *McLanahan v. Moses Lake Police Department*, CV-11-3087-EFS.**

17 This action against the Moses Lake Police Department (MLPD) appears
18 to allege a conspiracy between the MLPD, Mr. McLanahan's father, several
19 branches of the United States Government, and private industry. Nothing
20 recited therein rises to the standard of stating a plausible claim for
21 relief as required by *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544
22 (2007), and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937 (2009), amendment would be
23 futile, the complaint is frivolous, and this case is thus dismissed under
24 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i).

25 **B. *McLanahan v. United States Government, et al.*, CV-11-3097-EFS.**

1 This action against the United States and United States President
2 Barack Obama appears to allege a conspiracy between Mr. Obama and various
3 international groups. The complaint is twenty-one pages long and
4 contains 307 pages of attachments. This complaint does not state a
5 cognizable claim for relief in the federal courts and is thus dismissed
6 under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) (2) (B) (ii).

7 **C. *McLanahan v. Cottonwood Kennels*, CV-11-370-EFS.**

8 This action against a Yakima, Washington animal-boarding kennel
9 alleges that the kennel owner violated the relevant standard of care when
10 boarding Mr. McLanahan's cat. While this complaint may state a
11 cognizable claim of relief, it appears to assert only a state-law
12 negligence claim and does not identify a basis for federal jurisdiction.
13 Accordingly, this complaint is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

14 **D. *McLanahan v. United States Government et al.*, CV-11-371-EFS.**

15 This action appears to name as Defendants the United States, the
16 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Moses Lake Port District, and
17 several local airports in Eastern Washington. The complaint appears to
18 allege that these airports have conspired to interfere with Mr.
19 McLanahan's well-being in various ways. For the same reason that the
20 Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

21 **E. *McLanahan v. Obama*, CV-11-374-EFS.**

22 This action against United States President Barack Obama expresses
23 Mr. McLanahan's views on a number of subjects including Mr. Obama's
24 heritage, Mr. Obama's views on homosexuality, mercury poisoning, and the
25 propriety of trying 9/11 terrorists before military tribunals. This
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1 complaint does not state a cognizable claim for relief in the federal
2 courts and is thus dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).

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5 **F. *McLanahan v. United States Government, et al.*, CV-11-375-EFS.**

6 This action against the United States Government, DHS, and other
7 entities appears to allege a conspiracy to profit from the illegal use
8 of information in a book written by Mr. McLanahan. For the same reason
9 that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

10 **G. *McLanahan v. United States Government, et al.*, CV-11-376-EFS.**

11 This action against the United States Government, DHS, and all
12 United States citizens recounts an incident in which Mr. McLanahan struck
13 an object with his car while traveling on Interstate 90, and alleges that
14 the object was placed there as part of a conspiracy to injure or kill Mr.
15 McLanahan. For the same reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS,
16 this case is dismissed.

17 **H. *McLanahan v. United States Government, et al.*, CV-11-377-EFS.**

18 This action appears to allege a conspiracy by various entities to
19 appropriate content from a book written by Mr. McLanahan, and recounts
20 the incident referenced in CV-11-376-EFS. For the same reason that the
21 Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

22 **I. *McLanahan v. Obama*, CV-11-379-EFS.**

23 The complaint in this action is identical to that in CV-11-374-EFS,
24 and for the reasons discussed above, this case is dismissed.

25 **J. *McLanahan v. McLanahan*, CV-11-380-EFS.**

1 Mr. McLanahan filed this action against Mr. McLanahan's brother
2 Larry McLanahan, the Moses Lake Clinic, Grant County Mental Health, the
3 MLPD, and one B.J. Diining. The complaint alleges that MLPD illegally
4 arrested and detained Mr. McLanahan after he requested medical records
5 from Grant County Mental Health. Construed with the utmost liberality,
6 this complaint states a plausible claim for relief under the Fourth,
7 Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and
8 is not dismissed. However, the complaint as written does not comprise
9 a short and plain statement showing that Mr. McLanahan is entitled to
10 relief, and must be amended or it will be dismissed.

11 Accordingly, Mr. McLanahan may file an amended complaint within
12 **sixty (60) days** of the date of this Order. Such amended complaint must
13 include specific facts to establish federal subject-matter jurisdiction
14 and contain allegations that, if proven true, would entitle him to
15 relief. Mr. McLanahan shall allege with specificity:

16 (1) the names of the persons who caused or personally
17 participated in causing the alleged violation of his
constitutional rights;

18 (2) the dates on which the conduct of each Defendant allegedly
19 took place; and

20 (3) the specific conduct or action Mr. McLanahan alleges is
unconstitutional.

21 Mr. McLanahan shall set forth these factual allegations in separate
22 numbered paragraphs. The amended complaint will operate as a complete
23 substitute for (rather than a mere supplement to) the present complaint.
24 Pursuant to Local Rule 10.1, the amended complaint must be legibly
25 written or typed, it should be an original and not a copy, it may not
26 incorporate any part of the original complaint by reference, and it must

1 be clearly labeled the "FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT" and contain cause number
2 CV-11-380-EFS in the caption. **PLAINTIFF IS CAUTIONED THAT IF HE FAILS**
3 **TO AMEND WITHIN 60 DAYS AS DIRECTED, THE COURT WILL DISMISS THE COMPLAINT**
4 **FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).**

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6 **K. *McLanahan v. Cascade and Senator Apts.*, CV-11-381-EFS.**

7 This action alleges that the management of Cascade and Senator
8 Apartments, LLC has placed surveillance cameras in Mr. McLanahan's room
9 and is broadcasting these signals to various wireless communication
10 devices. For the same reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS,
11 this case is dismissed.

12 **L. *McLanahan v. Obama et al.*, CV-11-382-EFS.**

13 This lawsuit against United States President Barack Obama, the
14 United States Government, and all United States citizens appears to
15 allege a conspiracy against Mr. McLanahan by members of the media and
16 government, and the theft of Mr. McLanahan's patents. For the same
17 reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

18 **M. *McLanahan v. All Wireless Companies*, CV-11-383-EFS.**

19 This action filed against "All Wireless Companies" appears to allege
20 a conspiracy to appropriate content from a book written by Mr. McLanahan.
21 For the same reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case
22 is dismissed.

23 **N. *McLanahan v. Starbucks*, CV-11-388-EFS.**

24 This one-page complaint alleges that the coffee company Starbucks
25 makes individuals sick by selling milk products. For the same reason
26 that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

1 **O. *McLanahan v. All Wireless Phone Text Phone Makers, CV-11-391-EFS.***

2 This one-page complaint appears to allege that companies that
3 manufacture and sell wireless communication devices have conspired with
4 terrorist organizations and MLPD to harass Mr. McLanahan. For the same
5 reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS, this case is dismissed.

6 **P. *McLanahan v. Washington State Employment Security, CV-11-392-EFS.***

7 The complaint in this action against the Washington State Department
8 of Employment Security (WSES) alleges that WSES told him he needed
9 certain equipment in order to work, sent him to job sites that had
10 already hired for the day, and conspired to give preferential treatment
11 to Hispanic applicants, and seeks damages of 450 billion dollars. Even
12 construed with extreme liberality, this complaint does not state a
13 plausible claim for relief and is dismissed for the same reason that the
14 Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS.

15 **Q. *McLanahan v. U.S. Government I.R.S., CV-11-393-EFS.***

16 The complaint in this action against the United States Internal
17 Revenue Service describes a conspiracy between United States Government
18 officials to levy illegal taxes and use them to fund wars. This
19 complaint does not state a cognizable claim for relief in the federal
20 courts and is dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).

21 **R. *McLanahan v. Moses Lake Police Department, CV-11-398-EFS.***

22 The complaint in this action against the MLPD and Grant County
23 Mental Health appears to allege a conspiracy between the MLPD, Grant
24 County Mental Health, Mr. McLanahan's neighbors, and Mr. McLanahan's
25 parents to harass Mr. McLanahan and to share his private medical records
26 with members of the public. Even construed with extreme liberality, this

1 complaint does not state a plausible claim for relief and is dismissed
2 for the same reason that the Court dismisses CV-11-3087-EFS.

3 **S. Conclusion**

4 For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds that amendment of all of
5 the complaints described above, with the exception of CV-11-380-EFS,
6 would be futile, and the complaints are dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
7 § 1915(e)(2)(B). If he wishes to, Mr. McLanahan may file an amended
8 complaint in *McLanahan v. McLanahan*, CV-11-380-EFS.

9 **II. LITIGATION BAR**

10 Federal courts have inherent power "to regulate the activities of
11 abusive litigants by imposing carefully tailored restrictions under the
12 appropriate circumstances." *DeLong v. Hennessey*, 912 F.2d 1144, 1147
13 (9th Cir. 1990) (citing *Tripati v. Beaman*, 878 F.2d 351, 352 (10th Cir.
14 1989)). This inherent power is to be used only in exigent circumstances
15 and with particular caution. *Molski v. Evergreen Dynasty Corp.*, 500 F.3d
16 1047, 1057 (9th Cir. 2007). To ensure that this extreme remedy is used
17 appropriately, the Ninth Circuit developed the following four
18 requirements that must be met before a district court imposes a
19 litigation bar: 1) the litigant must be given notice that a filing
20 injunction is being considered and an opportunity to be heard; 2) the
21 court must develop an adequate record reflecting an abuse of the judicial
22 system; 3) the court must make a substantive finding that the litigant's
23 actions are frivolous or harassing; and 4) the court must limit the
24 filing bar to closely fit the offending conduct. *DeLong*, 912 F.2d at
25 1147-48.

1 **The Court hereby gives Mr. McLanahan notice that it is considering**
2 **imposing a one-year bar against his filing of any action against any of**
3 **the Defendants named in the above lawsuits.** Mr. McLanahan has filed
4 eighteen actions in this Court since September 2, 2011. For the reasons
5 noted above, sixteen of these actions are dismissed as frivolous and one
6 is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. In light of this record of
7 abusive litigation, **the Court believes that a litigation bar enjoining**
8 **Mr. McLanahan from filing any action against any of the named defendants**
9 **in the above-discussed actions for one year is merited, and hereby orders**
10 **Mr. McLanahan to show cause why such an Order should not issue. Mr.**
11 **McLanahan shall file a notice with the Court within thirty (30) days of**
12 **entry of this Order, under cause number CV-11-380-EFS, explaining why he**
13 **should not be barred from filing further actions against these defendants**
14 **for one year.** Any such lawsuit that Mr. McLanahan files before filing
15 such notice will be presumed to be filed in bad faith and will not be
16 accepted for filing.

17 **III. CONCLUSION**

18 For the reasons discussed above, the Court dismisses all but one of
19 Mr. McLanahan's lawsuits, CV-11-380-EFS. Mr. McLanahan may file an
20 amended complaint in this matter within sixty (60) days of entry of this
21 Order.

22 Mr. McLanahan shall also file a notice in cause number CV-11-380-EFS
23 showing cause why he should not be barred from instigating further
24 litigation against any of the named defendants in the dismissed matters
25 for one year. Mr. McLanahan shall file such notice within thirty (30)
26 days of entry of this Order.

1 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

2 1. The following actions are **DISMISSED: 11-CV-3087-EFS, 11-CV-3097-**
3 **EFS, 11-CV-370-EFS, 11-CV-371-EFS, 11-CV-374-EFS, 11-CV-375-EFS, 11-CV-**
4 **376-EFS, 11-CV-377-EFS, 11-CV-379-EFS, 11-CV-381-EFS, 11-CV-382-EFS, 11-**
5 **CV-383-EFS, 11-CV-384-EFS, 11-CV-388-EFS, 11-CV-391-EFS, 11-CV-392-EFS,**
6 **11-CV-393-EFS, and 11-CV-398-EFS.**

7 2. The files in the above-listed matters shall be **CLOSED.**

8 3. Mr. McLanahan may file an amended complaint in 11-CV-380-EFS.
9 **If Mr. McLanahan fails to file an amended complaint within sixty (60)**
10 **days, this matter will be dismissed for failure to state a claim pursuant**
11 **to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) (2) (B) (ii) .**

12 4. Mr. McLanahan shall file a notice in cause number 11-CV-380-EFS
13 **within thirty (30) days showing cause why he should not be barred from**
14 **filing any futher lawsuits against Defendants named in the dismissed**
15 **complaints for one year.**

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed to
17 provide a copy of this Order to Mr. McLanahan at his last known address.

18 **DATED** this 13th day of October 2011.

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